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IN RE APPLICATION:
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SERIAL NO.
FILED:
FOR: COMPOSITE BACKING LAYER
FOR A DOWNHOLE ACOUSTIC
SENSOR

EXAMINER: Unknown

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Applicant's duty, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, to disclose all relevant material, the Applicant lists below the following references believed to be relevant to the subject matter of the above-identified application:

	<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1.	3,553,640	January 5, 1971	Zemanek
2.	4,382,201	May 3, 1983	Trzaskos
3.	4,485,321	November 27, 1984	Klicker, et al.
4.	4,523,122	June 11, 1985	Tone et al.
5.	4,571,693	February 18, 1986	Birchak et al.
6.	4,628,223	December 9, 1986	Takeuchi et al.
7.	4,665,511	May 12, 1987	Rodney et al.
8.	4,800,316	January 24, 1989	Ju-Zhen
9.	4,890,268	December 26, 1989	Smith et al.
10.	5,130,950	July 14, 1992	Orban et al.

11.	RE 34,975	June 20, 1995	Orban et al.
12.	5,469,736	November 28, 1995	Moake
13.	5,486,695	January 23, 1996	Schultz et al.
14.	6,213,250 B1	April 10, 2001	Wisniewski et al.
15.	6,467,140 B2	October 22, 2002	Gururaja

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2. Ohm, R.F., "The Vanderbilt Rubber Handbook, 13th Ed.", R.T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc., Nowalk, CT, 1990, pages 211-222.
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4. Product Literature obtained from Ohara Corporation, 23141 Arroyo Vista, Santa Margarita, CA, downloaded July 2003. <http://www.oharacorp.com/swf/ap.html>.
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8. Product Literature "Dyneon Fluoroelastomer FC2181", obtained from Dyneon, Decator, Alabama, June 2003.

9. Technical Information "Viton®B-50", DuPont Dow elastomers, dated December 1998, Wilmington, Delaware 19809.

Applicant respectfully submits that the invention in the above-identified application is patentably distinguishable over the cited references known to Applicant and disclosed in the above Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed **within** three months of the filing date of this national application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application.

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